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In re Application of:

Wu et al.

Application No.: 10/696,927

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For: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR STATISTICAL
MULTIPLEXING WITH DISTRIBUTED MULTIPLEXERS**

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENT(S):

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
5,550,590	Sakazawa et al.	Aug 27, 1996
5,793,425	Balakrishnan	Aug 11, 1998
5,933,450	Ozkan et al.	Aug 03, 1999

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EPO	0 685 971	Dec 06 1995
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PUBLICATION(S) :

Wang, Limin, et al., "Bit Allocation and Constraints for Joint Coding of Multiple Video Programs", IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology, Vol. 9, No. 6, September 1999, pages 949-959.

Applicants also wish to bring the following commonly owned co-pending U.S. patent application (copy enclosed) to the Examiner's attention:

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Copies of the foreign patent documents and publications are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

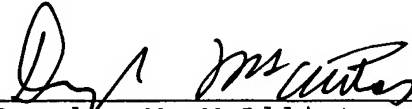
Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore believed to be timely filed.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to

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antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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